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3-15 p.m. K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" In view of the fact that the answer is too long, I suggest that we may take this question to-morrow for supplementary questions."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I came a little earlier and read the answer. It might not have been possible for all the members to do so, because it might take some time for them to read the answer as it runs to four pages."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" When the hon. Member gave notice of such a question, he should have been prepared for such a long answer."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" This is a matter about which there has been a discussion in the House and hon. Members have had an opportunity of knowing the views of the Government from the statement I made on the matter."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Still we have got an another big statement here as answer to this question and we have not yet read it."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" All right. We can take this question to-morrow for supplementaries."

Aid to elementary education.

* 192 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have refused to pay the Corporation of Madras grant equal to the amount of education cess or tax collected by the Corporation;

(*b*) whether this refusal may result in the closing down of elementary schools; and

(*c*) whether the Government have decided on their policy regarding aid to elementary education in the Province?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

" (*a*) The statutory contribution payable to local bodies in respect of education tax is based on the rates of education tax in force prior to 1941. The request of the Corporation for an equivalent contribution based on the entire proceeds of tax collected at present, was therefore refused.

" (*b*) There is no information on this point.

" (*c*) There is no intention to change the present policy."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have considered the desirability of repealing the Act of 1941 which has enabled the Government now to refuse the contribution to the Corporation? "

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" Government very much sympathise with the suggestion and they would like to contribute as much as possible but in the present finances of the Province they are unable to do so. I think we must await better finances."

Dismissal from service of Sri T. C. Ramunni Ezhuthachan, Peringode.

* 193 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Sri T. C. Ramunni Ezhuthachan, a teacher employed in the Aided Higher Elementary School, Peringode, South Malabar, has appealed to the Educational authorities against the order of dismissal passed by the Manager of the school;

(*b*) what orders the Educational authorities have passed;

(*c*) what the offence is for which this teacher was punished by the Manager;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Manager compelled the teacher to give an undertaking to desist from taking jatha of Harijans into the temples on threat of dismissal; and

(*e*) whether the legislation relating to temple entry does not afford protection to those upholding the law as against those who take law into their own hands?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The matter is under investigation.

" (*c*) Alleged serious misconduct and gross insubordination and engaging in religious and communal propaganda, and unsatisfactory work.

" (*d*) No information is available.

" (*e*) Yes."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that this teacher was dismissed because he lead a jatha of Harijans into the temple belonging to the Manager of the School? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" That is not the information. The matter is still under investigation."

Constitution of Advisory Committees for Aided Colleges.

* 194 *Q.*—MRS. M. HENSMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government consulted the Madras and the Andhra Universities about the question of constituting Advisory Committees for Aided Colleges;